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Virgin-Born Or Bastard?

By the late Dr. I. M. Haldeman Long Pastor, First Baptist Church, New York City

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS." -Matt. 1:18-25.

A large number of people, pro-fessing Christians among them, think it of no importance whether or not you believe in the virgin birth. They look upon it, so they say, as altogether a matter of theological interpretation, having nothing. whatever to do with what they are pleased to call the "vital" side of Christianity.

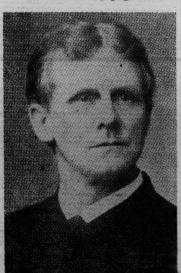
I affirm it makes a great difference, a difference so great, so radical, that should the church consent- to cut it out of the doctrine of Christianity, Christianity would have no decent, moral or intellectual basis on which to stand. I ask you to consider:

The Effect on the Name, the Character and Reputation of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, if He Were Not Virgin Born

Mary was espoused to Joseph. Espousal in that day was some-thing more than lip-service. The parties to espousal must come be-fore the elders of the congregation and pledge their vows. In making her vow, the woman committed herself to and assumed all the responsibility of a wife. Be-fore the marriage ceremony was performed, she was looked upon by the elders, the congregation, and the neighborhood, as a wife.

When the angel would comfort Joseph concerning Mary's condition with child, even though they to work for the Egyptians. We had not yet come together, said: "Fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife" (Matt. 1:20). In the eyes of God and man, Mary had all the reputation and responsibility of a wife to maintain.

That Joseph was not the father of Mary's child ought to be self-(Continued on page 5)



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Peace and Soul Rest for the Burdened and Sad

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."—Matt. 11:28-30.

By Dr. Lee Roberson, Pastor Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."—Matt. 9:35-38.

Labor trouble is an old trouble. One of the first accounts of labor trouble is given in the first book of the Bible. It occurred between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and

the herdmen of Lot's cattle.
"And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land."-Gen. 13:7

This trouble was quickly settled by the unselfishness of one man, Abraham. Labor trouble will always be settled by the unselfishness of men—it is the only way.

There was labor trouble in

Egypt. The Israelities were made he read:

"And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour: And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage in mortar and in brick, and in all man ner of service in the field: All their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour."— Exod. 1:13, 14.

There was labor trouble in Nehemiah's day. When he returned to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, some of the residents of the country opposed and ridiculed the project. Nehemiah and his people went forward with the work at great cost and effort.

There was labor trouble in Paul's day. He gave this exhortation to the people in Thessalonica:

"For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread."—II Thess. 3:10-12.

James, in his book, recognized labor trouble in his day. In chap-



ter 5 he gives sharp words to the rich and to those who would de-fraud the laborer of his hire.

There is labor trouble today all over the world. It is here in America, it is in foreign countries. There is great dissatisfaction, both among employers and employees This will continue throughout this age. Why? Because of sin. Men are selfish, covetous, lazy, envious and thoughtless. There can be only one solution to the labor problem, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ in the hearts of men.

There was also labor trouble in the day of our Lord. This labor trouble was of a very special kind. It is indicated to us in Matthew 9:35-38. Observe four things in this portion of Scripture.

1. Christ's vision, "But when he saw the multitudes. . ." The eyes of our Lord were always open to see the needs of people.

2. Christ's compassion. "He was (Continued on page 3)

The Bible is full of promises and full of invitations. God is always seeking sinners, inviting sinners, pleading for sinners to be saved. When the first blighting sin stole into the Garden of Eden, Adam's smiting conscience made him afraid to face God. But God came and walked in the cool of the day and called unto Adam, "Where art thou?" From that day to this the seeking God has been calling to the sinners who avoid Him, "Where art thou?" Dear sinner who reads this, if you are away from God it is not God's fault. God loves you, seeks you, pleads for you.

In Isaiah 55:1, 2 the Lord says: 'Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fat-

If you are thirsty, come and drink

Again the Lord said, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else" (Isa. 45:22). Through the prophet Ezekiel God called, "Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye (Continued on page 5)

die, O house of Israel?" again, "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked" (Ezek. 33: 11). In John 6:37 Jesus said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." How He wants people to come! None will be denied or turned away. None that come to Jesus will ever be cast out.

Jesus wants even children, for He said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not" (Luke 18:16). Again God invites sinners, saying, "I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely" (Rev. 21:6).

But one of the very sweetest invitations ever given from the mouth of the Saviour is the one printed at the beginning of this message:

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."—Matt. 11:28-

Come!

Sinner, you should come to Christ. It is your move. never went away from you. God never wronged you. God never resisted your entreaties to do right. God never broke His promise to God never sinned against you.

The Crusaders'

The Giant Two-Edged Crusader Sword Given Editor John R. Rice Is a Type of THE SWORD OF THE LORD and a Twenty-Five Years' Ministry for Christ and the Bible and Soul Winning. But You May Have a Tiny Image of This Sword, Gold-Shining,

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By the Editor

When you come to see the editor at the Sword of the Lord office in Wheaton, you will want to see that museum piece, that beautiful and rare crusaders' sword, shipped from Germany and purchased through a museum in Miami, then beautifully silver plated, ivory handle from the Belgian Congo. You will want to see this with the little plate saying, "The Sword of the Lord and of John R. Rice," which was given this editor by my beloved brother with a loyal and generous heart, Dr. Bill Rice.

You will find a little of the Bill Rice Ranch flavor since the sword

is held by gold-plated spurs, and since the plaque itself is suspended from two gold-plated horseshoes taken from the feet of the Arabian stallion given Dr. Bill Rice years ago by the king of Jordan in Palestine.

But that beautiful and treasured crusaders' sword is important more for the spiritual meaning back of it than for the expense and rarity of this treasure. More important is that it symbolizes the twenty-five-year ministry of THE SWORD OF THE LORD carrying the

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On Tuesday, August 18, Mrs. Rice and I flew from Chicago to Nashville, were met by Walt and Libby (Evangelist Walt Handford and our daughter) and went to the Bill Rice Ranch where a Sword of Lord Conference on Revival and Soul Winning was in progress.

I was much pleased at the attendance. Every room in the fifteen two-room cabins, in the twelve rooms of the Honeymoon Hotel, and in the twelve units of the motel, was filled, and they were compelled to turn away seven or eight families who wanted to come and for whom there was no room. And others stayed in motels outside and attended the conference. We had people there from twenty-one states and the District of Columbia. There were people who came more than a thousand miles. They were there from as far away as Massachu-setts on the one hand and Texas and Florida on the other. People were there from Iowa, Virginia, New York, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Lousiana, Texas, Missouri, Kentucky, and Ohio, that I immediately remember.

It was surprising that more than half of that crowd had never attended a Sword Conference on Revival. In fact, more than half of them held their hands that they had never before seen me! So it was largely a new crowd for such a conference, although they were mainly readers of THE SWORD OF

Some twenty people were won to Christ by teams out in personal soul-winning effort. Some people for the first time in their lives did personal soul-winning work and saw people saved. They were thrilled and greatly blessed.

Plans for Major Enlargement at the Bill Rice Ranch

The Cumberwood Christian Retreat on the Bill Rice Ranch has had a wonderful summer, with capacity crowds for many of the con-The tremendous new dining hall, kitchen, and recreation center is in use though not completed. Dr. Bill Rice and I both felt that we ought to make a major enlargement of the camp facil-Before next ities for next year. summer I would like to see a new thirty-two unit motel built on the grounds, all with private baths and air-conditioned. If a sufficient number of carpenters, plumb-

helpers will agree to join me, I will be glad to spend two working weeks at the Bill Rice Ranch (at Cumberwood Christian Retreat) next June building that motel. But we will need lumbermen to donate many truck loads of lumber. We will need plumbing fixtures donated. We will need asbestos sningles for the roof and siding; a great We will need asbestos shingles amount of plaster board; paint and windows. We will need beds and dressers. We will need money to pay for concrete for foundations and floors. We will need asphalt tile for the floors. If you could take a week or two weeks of vacation and help on such a project sometime next June, will you please plan now and let me hear from you?

The conferences for deaf and handicapped children and young people's conferences will use the same facilities, of course, as well as the Southern Baptist Fellowship and two weeks or more of the Sword Conferences on Revival and Soul Winning.

During the work weeks next June we will plan a great preaching program. We will work four hours a day, have services twice a day and make major enlargements to the glory of God. If you can help, please let us know.

On Friday THE SWORD OF THE LORD and the Editor Were Honored

Last Friday, August 21, at the Sword Conference at the Bill Rice Ranch, THE SWORD OF THE LORD and this editor were honored in a surprising and happy service. Dr. Tom Malone came down from Pontiac, Michigan, for the day. Dr. Lee Roberson sent representatives. A telegram came from the Sword of the Lord workers in Wheaton.

Dr. Bill Rice had written a song on "The Sword of the Lord and of Gideon" and the chorus for the closing verses was "The Sword of the Lord and of John R. Rice." A fine young people's choir of thirty voices was trained by Bud Lyles, and they sang beautifully.

Then my brother, Dr. Bill Rice, presented to me a beautiful crusaders' sword, a museum piece purchased from a museum in Miami. They had brought it from a collection in Germany. This ancient two-edged sword seems to have been made in the Holy Land for one of the crusaders. It has Arabic lettering on the steel blade. It was very expensive, and my heart was deeply touched at the devotion of my brother, who went to such expense and trouble to get the sword. He found such a twoedged sword as that pictured in the heading of this magazine, and then the worn leather holt was replaced with a beautiful ivory handle brought from the Belgian Congo and specially made. Then the steel blade, double edged, about three feet long, was silver plated, and a little golden plate was attached which said, Sword of the Lord and of John R. ers, electricians, and carpenters' Rice." We will try to get pictures



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Trust and Be Not Afraid

"Man," said one Christian Scotsman to another, "I got a wonderful text in my reading lesson to-day." "Oh," said his will not accept the friend, "let me hear it." "Well," responded be words of truth. the other enthusiastically, "the text is Psalm 56:3, and it says, What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee." "Very good," agreed his friend, smiling, "but I got a better text in my reading lesson, for in Isaiah 12:2, I read, 'I will trust, and not be afraid."

-Moody Monthly

of this beautiful crusader sword for THE SWORD OF THE LORD SOON It is mounted on a beautifully polished cedar plaque, 18 inches by 41/2 feet and hung on gold-plated spurs. Then the plaque is hung with two horseshoes, gold plated, taken from the hoofs of the Ara-bian stallion given Dr. Bill Rice by King Abdullah Ilen Al Hussain of Jordan in the Holy Land.

ceremony with the enthusiasm of the people, the singing of the fine choir. Local pastors and pastors from Nashville were present with a good many others, and a news photographer took pictures. bless Brother Bill and all the friends who helped make the occasion a blessing. All my life I shall cherish and treasure this beautiful crusaders' sword.

In Winston-Salem for Five Days

Saturday night Brother Bud Lyles, announcer for "Voice of Revival" broadcast, and I began a five days' engagement with the Faith Baptist Tabernacle in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Rev. Paul O. Raker, pastor. It is now Monday morning. We had fine crowds Saturday night and twice on Sunday. Out-of-town visitors include preachers from South Carolina and from Virginia. We had several people coming forward Sunday morning and Sunday evening, coming either to be saved or for rededication of life. The dear Lord was with Bud Lyles as he sang, and with me as I preached.

This morning at 10:00 we trust preachers will be coming in from far and near for the morning service, and those in full-time Christian service will be guests of the Faith Baptist Tabernacle for luncheon today, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

We rejoice to come here to Winston-Salem where in 1947 God gave us a great city-wide revival campaign with hundreds saved.

A Little Girl, the First of the Crop

Yesterday morning I spoke to a ten-year-old girl as people passed out of the service. trusted the Lord Jesus as Saviour?" I asked.

Very brightly and happily she'nswered, "Yes, I have been aved!" Then followed a sweet story. She wanted to tell me about it. She had read my sermon, "A Cry From the Dark," in THE Sword of THE LORD'a week ago and had gone to her mother, a Sunday School teacher and good Christian, saying she wanted to be saved. So she had happily found Saviour and was anxious to see Brother Rice to tell him about

I had earnestly prayed that God would give us a number of letters from people who had found Christ as Saviour through that simple sermon on "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." I rejoiced that the simple language and the clear Bible message had been used to reach this ten-year-old girl who heard this sermon with such interest and determined to call upon the Lord and be saved. I trust God will paid a total of \$59 in social segive us many more.

If that, paper is still at hand in your home, why not get some lost person to read that sermon and, we hope, to trust Christ as Sav-

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Satanic Co-operation

If the Devil can once be permitted to co-operate, he will tell the truth. But the apostle, and the Lord of the apostle, "Oh," said his will not accept the testimony of evil, even though its words

A grave error in the history of the Christian Church has been that she has been content, again and again, to admit the testimony of evil men, because the testimony in itself was true. God will have no testimony of truth which is not spoken by those who are true, for behind the method there is a motive, and the motive is not that of helpfulness, but of

Admit the Devil into the fellowship of this propaganda of the Gospel, and ere long he will twist his fingers round the Gospel and distort it, until it becomes a deadly and damnable

-G. Campbell Morgan



By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner, **Contributing Editor**

Charlie's Terrible Crime

An editorial in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch about the plight of a California merchant deals with such an important issue that I want to reproduce it here. Controls and restrictions, both on national and local levels, are get-ting completely out of hand. Whether you are aware of it or not, the four freedoms on which our fathers founded this great nation are fast disappearing. The editorial read as follows:

"Pity Charles Hawkins, Stockton, California. Mr. Hawkins has a headache and an upset stomach. The cause? Alka-Seltzer He sold a bottle of it in his gro-cery for 14 cents less than the manufacturer, Miles California Co., thinks he should have sold it for—an offense for which he is serving 20 days in the San Joaquin county jail.

"Believe it or not, that 14-cent reduction on a bottle of patent medicine made Charles Hawkins a lawbreaker in California. The law he broke is called a fair-trade law, which also means it's fair to make Mr. Hawkins trade his position behind the counter for one behind bars on account of his heinous conduct in offering some fellow a few pennies' bargain, We beg leave to differ.

There are actually members of Congress, among them Representative Oren Harris and Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, who want to extend the advantages currently being enjoyed by Charlie Hawkins to cov er everybody in all the States of the Union. And that's a fact. 'Fair trade' is a fancy idea, all right but we can't say it looks overly would care to trade.'

Inflation Woes

The National Industrial Conference Board recently revealed that salary 20 years ago but now the tax bite is \$16 for the week's buying power!

The married man with two children who earned \$5,000 in 1939 curity and federal income taxes leaving him a net profit of \$4,941. In order to attain that net today, he must first forfeit \$5,356 pur chasing power to inflation and pay Uncle Sam \$1,816 in taxes. In other words, the man who earned

Cleveland Clinic Foundation, told the annual clinical meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists meeting at Atlantic City, New Jersey, that if mother complains of being tired all the time, it isn't necessary to call a doctor right away—chances are, she just needs a rest. He assured his hearers that disease is found in only a small percentage of mother-weariness cases.

Said Dr. Lovshin, "The tired mother syndrome symptoms usually afflict an intelligent, tense, overconscientious mother. She has a work day of 16 hours, a work week of seven days. She probably hasn't had a real vacation in years and she may have various worries about finances, husband and children. She has from one to several children and always some animals. Our study shows that a puppy dog equals about one and one-half children and a female cat with a litter about two."

The doctor's prescription for 'mild cases" of mother weariness? He recommended such old-fashioned remedies as a new hat, taking her out to dinner, treating her to a football game, "or, better yet, take the children out and let her stay home."

He Was Only Kidding

A laborer in Frankfurt, Germany, whose name was withheld by police, was charged with gross misconduct for "playing dead" in hopes of averting a family quarrel. It seems that the workman, on his way home after a night on the town, got concerned about how his wife would greet him. Suddenly he got what he thought was a wonderful inspiration and went to a nearby telephone, called the police and reported to them he had just seen himself killed in a traffic accident. The police notified his wife and she rushed to police station where learned the report was a hoax. On arriving back at the house, she discovered her husband fast asleep. The distraught husband confessed to police that he thought his wife would be so "overjoyed" to have him back safe that she would not even wonder where he had been all night! The police were not at all sympathetic.

Men have often gone to great extremes to try to cover sin and escape its retributive consequencdren who carned \$57 a week in 1939 has to make \$135 a week in 1959 to obtain equal purchasing power. The same father paid less than 60 cents a week in taxes on the first superscript that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened to the eyes of him with whom unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." Jesus warned in salary—plus inflation's drain of Luke 12:2, "For there is nothing over half his pay check from his covered, that shall not be recovered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known." That is why Paul wrote, "But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth . . . in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel" (Romans 2:2, 16). 趣

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4. Christ's remedy. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." It is apparent that one of our great needs is for more prayer for people to labor

I would like to call your attention to three things:

I. The Task

Labor trouble implies work. Is there a task for every Christian? Is there a work to be done? Is this task teaching, preaching, passing out into singing? Does it belong to just a knowing Christ. few, or does it belong to every-

The answer is plain. There is a job for every child of God. That job is witnessing. We are saved to serve and that service is witnessing and winning souls.

Though the Christian may be called upon to do a number of things, the end of every task is the winning of the lost. Someone tells of the minister who called his leaders together and said that he was going to resign his ministry at the church because he had seen no one saved for a considerable period. They begged him to stay, and pointed out how edified they were by his preaching. "Edified for what?" he asked.

Turning to one leader, he asked ly a single representative of evan-him if he had ever led a soul to gelical Christianity. Christ. The answer was no. The question was put to the next and the next with the same result. Finally, the minister got all of the may we go. members of the meeting to promise that they would also resign with him if within a short period they personally led no one to Christ. The end of the story that a revival broke out and many were won within a short period of time.

Every agency and every organization of the church should be directed toward one end — the winning of the lost. Whether we preach, sing, teach, preside, or whatever our task may be, should be for the purpose that men receive the message of Christ and be saved.

Here is the task: Andrew came to Jesus and was saved. The Scriptures tell us that he went out and found his own brother, Simon, and brought him to Jesus. Andrew put his hand to the task at once and did the very thing that God had saved him to do. He found his own brother, Simon, and testified to him and then

brought him to Christ. Here is the task: Four men were concerned about a poor paralytic. They bore him to Jesus, and Jesus saved his soul and healed his body. These four men were



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applying themselves to the task of bringing others to Christ.

Here it is: Philip was a deacon in the church in Jerusalem. As a deacon, he felt called upon to apply himself to the main task. He went to Samaria and preached the Gospel. Souls were saved and a mighty work was done. He was

Here it is again: Paul and Silas, once their work of witnessing. It and his household, and others.

Have you been applying your-self to the task? Excuses will not avail. God is asking for faithful-

We have a divine task. It is given to us by our Lord. It was not committed unto angels, but unto us, the children of God.

We have an urgent task. There passing out into eternity without

We have a demanding task. It calls for the best that every person can give.

We have an eternal task. By this, I mean that when we engage built, bridges may be constructed, highways may be made, but they of witnessing will abide forever.

unto harvest. Is your heart not the millions who have never heard need among the various nationalities in our nation. Think of a faith." town of 125,000 people with hard-

The fields are white unto harvest. May we look upon them. May we pray. May we give, and

II. The Trouble

Christ said, "We have labor trouble"-"The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few.' This seems strange when we consider the following:

We have labor trouble with God calling men. Yes, the Lord is calling each one of you, even as Jesus called Peter, James, and John, Matthew and others. God is calling you, even as He called Samuel and Gideon and Elijah. Perhaps you are saying, "Where is the call?" It is written down in God's Word. To every child of God, the command is given, "Go ye."

We have labor trouble with God paying. Our Heavenly Father pays the best of wages. We are rewarded here and hereafter. Christ said to His disciples, "Everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundred fold, and shall inherit everlasting life" (Matt. 19:29).

Think of the joy that God gives to us as we labor for Him on this earth. Think of the blessings peace and joy which are ours because of Christ in our hearts. Think of His presence through every hour and every difficulty. What wonderful wages we receive, and yet we will be receiving blessings for eternity.

We have labor trouble with man is asked to serve God in his own strength. The Lord says that He will give power unto us. He promises to supply all of our needs through Christ Jesus. Paul said, I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." When you are weary, He gives encouragement. When you are weak, He gives you power. This is what Isaiah said about it:

"He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."—Isa. 40:29-31.

God; ye are God's husbandry, ye

What a privilege to labor with the Lord at your side. So often at public work, men are cast into the midst of unfavorable working companions, but not so with those who labor for Christ. He is our helper.

In spite of all that seems good, we have labor trouble. First, called away from this revival to there is the trouble of quantity. go into the desert and there he less said, "The labourers are led the Ethiopian eunuch to few." Too few men and women for real service. It would seem plenteous, but the labourers are two missionaries, went to the town of Philippi. They began at volunteering for the mission volunteering fields, we would have an overwas not long until there were con-verts: first Lydia, then the jailer, from being the case. There is a desperate need for missionaries around the world. There is a dearth of pastors and evangelists in certain parts of the country. The harvest is ready, but there are no laborers.

Not only is there trouble in quantity, but there is trouble in quality. Many volunteer to serve, but through laziness, confusion, is no time for delay, for men are procrastination and lack of separation, they do not make good workers.

There are many who have said, 'Yes, Lord, I am going to be a witness for Thee," but they are still procrastinating. It may be that timidity is holding some in this work, the results will tell back. Whatever it may be, there for eternity. Buildings may be is a need of quality among the workers for Christ.

Therefore, there is serious labor will all disappear. But the work trouble because of the lack of workers; willing workers who will Look now to the fields white lay down their lives for Christ. Again, there is a need for faithstirred by the great multitudes ful workers who will carry on to without our Saviour? Think of the end of the way, and be able to say with the Apostle Paul, "I have of Christ even once. Think of the fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the

> Our labor trouble can be dispelled by three things. First, by realization of the importance of the task. A man will volunteer for a life and death job. He will stay with the work when he realizes that it is of tremendous importance. There is no labor trouble when men join together to rescue another from drowning. There was no labor trouble when hundreds of men and women banded together to rescue the little girl from the old well. Labor troubles will be solved when men realize that it is God who calls and com-missions, and that without obedience souls will perish forever.

Again, this work requires dedication. There must be a wholehearted consecration of our all unto Christ. Withholding the smallest part of our time or tal-ents will cause a disruption in the work and failure to some part of it. Dedication to the task of getting the Gospel to men will solve the trouble.

Thirdly, there must be concentration. If the quality of the work is to be satisfactory, then the Christian workers must say, "This one thing I do."

III. The Time

What is the task? Witnessing. What is the trouble? Too few laborers and too poor in quality.

What is the time? It is now There is no time for delay. Our lives are passing, our energies fail, our opportunities disappear. Sinners are dying. The time for work is now.

It is an interesting story given us in John 4. We read of Christ talking to the woman at the well God supplying the strength. No in Samaria. His disciples went into a nearby place to buy food. Jesus dealt tenderly and yet positively with the sinful woman. She had accepted Him as Saviour and went away to tell others about Him When the disciples of Jesus returned, they urged Him to eat, but Christ said, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." The lisciples were confused and said. to eat?" Christ made answer, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work."

And so, our Lord tells us of the time for work. "Say not ye, There is yet four months and then cometh harvest. Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest."

and ready for harvest. Do not soul winners.



It Happened on Saturday

By Mrs. J. E. Weagley

"Where are you going now, Sally Jo?" called Mother from the The sun was shining cheerily. But parlor, where she was busy with her Saturday cleaning.

Sally Jo stood still. "Oh, dear, she thought, "I know she won't let me take Emily. I just must show her to Dottie." She gave the beautiful doll in her arms an extra hug.

"I'm going to Dottie's, Mother," she said slowly.

"You're not taking your new dolly, are you, dear? You know Dottie's little, sister would want to play with her, and she is too young yet to be trusted with a breakable doll.'

Sally Jo stood in the doorway.

hardness of men's hearts. Do not say that you are too busy to take part in this work. Quit being a problem and begin to be a worker.

The story is told of a rich English merchant to whom the queen gave a commission of importance He hesitated to undertake it, say ing, "Please, your Majesty, if obey your command, what will become of these affairs of mine?'

The queen answered, "Leave those things to me. When you are employed in my service, I will take charge of your business.

So it will be with every one of us. If we put the work of our Saviour first, He will take care

of our affairs.

To the churches of Asia Minor the Lord said, "I know thy works." To the church at Ephesus the Lord said, "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." What is the first love of a Christian? It is to

tell someone else about Jesus. Christ is looking at you today and saying, "I know thy works. Many of us need to hang our heads in shame as we come to the consciousness of how the Lord knows us.

The fields are white unto harvest. He commands us to go. It is obey or disobey.

The needs of men are around us. Do we look upon the multitudes and have compassion as did Jesus?

The common gratitude of man's heart should compel him to go. Do you love the Lord? Are you grateful for the salvation which is yours? Go into the harvest fields. Do the work which the Lord has commanded you to do. Christian, God calls you. God needs you. And God wants you. I lay the challenge squarely before you-will you accept the

task? Now is the time!
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the sunshine had all faded out of her usually bright little face She looked down at the beautiful doll lying in her arms.

"You're my own doll," she mumbled as she slowly turned back into the room. "Didn't Aunt Lottie give you to me, and can't I take you anywhere I like?"

"Did you say something, Sally Jo?" asked Mother, "Hurry, dear, if you're going, for Grandpa and Grandma are coming to lunch today. And I want you to be home early so you can clean up nicely before they come."

Sally put Emily down in the little white chair. Then she glanced at Mother, who was busily putting up clean curtains. Her back was turned.

Sally picked Emily up and rushed out the door. She skipped gaily down the sidewalk. Except for a queer little feeling 'way down inside, her heart was as light as it could be.

"Mother must think I'm a baby," she said to Emily. "Didn't she tell me just the other day that I'm a big lady now? Six years old!" What couldn't one do when one was six years old!

Dottie Farway lived in the vellow house on the hill. Dottie saw her coming, and called from the upstairs playroom window.

"Hello, Sally Jo! Come up and play! Mother has gone to the store, and I must stay here with Nancy until she gets back." Halfway up the stairs, Sally Jo

was met by a much excited Dottie. "Oh," she gasped, looking at Emily in Sally's arms. "Where did you get her? Isn't she sweet? Let me hold her, please.'

"My Aunt Lottie sent her to me. Her name is Emily. But don't let Nancy.

The little two-year-old came out the landing. "Oh, pwitty, pwitty," she exclaimed, stretching her little arms longingly for the doll below.

"You can't have her, Nancy," said Dottie. "You might break

Neither of the girls knew how it happened, but just then Emily dropped out of Dottie's hand. The beautiful china head lay shattered on the stairs.

When Mrs. Farway came home half an hour later, she was amazed to find two sobbing small girls and a troubled little Nancy. ting-on the stairs between Dottie and Sally Jo, she listened to the whole story.

"Of course," said Mrs. Farway, "Dottie will take the pennies in (Continued on page 4)



Gilbert Stenholm, dean the of School of Religion of Bob Jones University; and he tells me there "Hath any man brought him ought to eat?" Christ made answer, "My winning, former students of Bob meat is to do the will of him ters of the Gospel, in every state n the Union and that there are loyal, orthodox, Bible-believing, money in the work of the school soul-winning missionaries, who are former students of Bob Jones Uni- wonderful spiritual movement of versity, in more than sixty foreign countries. Now, remember, we are for thirty-two years been the not counting the school teachers and Christian businessmen and from you. Thank you, and God not counting the school teachers Again, we have labor troubles with Christ as a co-worker. "For we are labourers together with inexcusable. The fields are white are faithful to the Lord and are

are God's building" (I Cor. 3:9). make excuses. Do not blame the Every day we get some infor-

I have just checked with Dr. [mation from the foreign field or from some state in the about how God is using alumni of Bob Jones University. Remember, you friends who have prayed for this institution and who have from time to time helped us line up the right kind of students and who have invested some of the Lord's are stockholders in this great and which Bob Jones University has-

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Kids Korner

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the bright blue bank and buy an-

Dottie gulped hard. Those pennies were for a doll buggy.

A trembling Sally Jo walked slowly homeward. The sun was still shining cheerily, but it could not chase away the cloud from Sally's face. There were two cars in front of the blue and white cottage. Sally did not go in the front way today. She walked down the alley. Slowly she opened the back gate. The hinges creaked as it swung open.

"Oh," groaned Sally Jo, "now everybody'll know I'm home.'

The basement door was locked. How could she slip into the house without being seen? Had Mother noticed that Emily was gone? One of those cars was Grandpa's—but whose was the other? Surely not

Sally's heart stood still. Just at that moment the back door opened, and she was swept into Aunt Lottie's arms.

Sally Jo sat between Aunt Lot-tie and Uncle Ned at the table.

"Doesn't our little girl feel well today, Mother?" asked Daddy, as he saw Sally Jo struggling to finish her peach ice cream. She hadn't taken a bite of Mother's best cake.

Mother glanced anxiously at ally Jo. "You must take a rest Sally Jo. after dinner, dear," she said.

Suddenly Uncle Ned laughed.
"I have it," he said. "She's tired out from taking such good care of that new baby doll all morning. Isn't that it, Sally Jo?"

Sally's head went down and a burst of tears was the only reply. How dreadful that Grandpa and Grandma would have to know about it! But she bravely told the whole story.

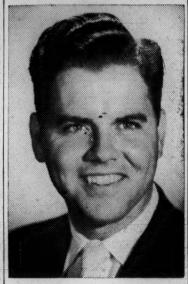
Later in the day, Aunt Lottie took a sad-faced little girl for a

"Aunt Lottie," said Sally Jo softly, "did God see all that hap-pened today?"

"Yes, dear." know this verse, suppose you sit "But can He see when you're right down and learn it now! Jesorry-'way down in your heart?' sus told us in John 14:15, "If ye love me, keep my command-

she persisted, anxiously. "Yes, Sally Jo."

Habecker Re-enters **Evangelistic** Field



Evangelist Ernie Habecker, after much prayer and considera-tion, has submitted his resignation as pastor of the Sooner Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, to resume full-time evangelistic work effective August 24. For two years prior to his work in Oklahoma City he was a staff evangelist for THE country's successful preachers. He

eyes were wet, but she was a hap-

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I think of the first Bible verse

that the little children in our home were taught to say when

they could just barely talk. Ephe-

sians 6:1 says, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." If Sally Jo had remem-

bered that verse, it might have been easier to do right, don't you

think? If you don't already

So here you can show

pier Sally Jo.

Rev. Claude McDonald, pastor of the South Heights Baptist Church, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, makes this strong recommendation of Brother Habecker's work:

"During the two and a half years that Ernie Habecker has been associated with the Sooner Baptist Church it has grown to a membership of 1,100, with approximately 450 additions. The church has a mission, a Christian Day School and a nursery for working mothers, and a radio program known as 'The Victory Through Christ Broadcast' heard every Sunday over A.B.C. network sta-

"This is the second church Ernie has pastored. The other was a Baptist Church in Elkton, Mary land. As a result of this church there are now two churches. Two men who surrendered to the ministry under Brother Ernie are now leading the churches. They run a total of six to eight hundred in Sunday School.

"While in the evangelistic work he preached in 15 states and the British West Indies. His messages have a strong Bible appeal and his themes are of great interest. Some of the subjects are: 'Frog-A-Hopping'; 'The Greatest Duel Ever Fought'; His Life's Story, and 'The Next Great Event Seen on the Horizon.'

"Ernie Habecker is one of our

The little girl clung to her how you love Jesus, in the way that you obey your own mother aunt's hand more tightly. "I'm glad," she whispered. Her and dad.

In thinking about how God, as well as her own loving relatives, forgave little Sally Jo, I found this little story that seems to illustrate God's love and forgiveness:

God Keeps His Word

Dinny Malone was an old sea captain eighty years old. He sat reading his Bible one day when the minister called. He said, "I am trying to find God." "Well," said the minister, "I guess you will find Him in that Book!" "But I haven't," said Dinny. "For six years, I have been trying to get Him to forgive my sins." The minister asked, "Have you repented?" Dinny replied, "Yes." The minister asked, "Have you trusted in the Lord Jesus to save you?"
"Yes," said Dinny, "but I have never felt His forgiveness in my heart. How can I know that God has forgiven my sins?"

The minister took the Bible, turned to a verse and said to Dinny, "Read it." Slowly Dinny read, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." "Dinny," asked the minister, "when you give your word, do you keep it?" "Sure I do," roared Dinny. "A gentleman always binny. "A gentleman always keeps his word." Then the minis-ter asked, "Dinny, don't you think God keeps His Word?" A bright light came to Dinny's face. He said, "I see it now! God does forgive me. He says He will, and I know He does!"

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Boys and girls, I've been thinking of all of you Sword-Bearers Club members. You remember you promised to "aim to be a 'good soldier of Jesus Christ' in everything I do. I promise, by God's help to try to read at least one chapter in the Bible each day. I will also take time each day to pray, asking forgiveness for my sins and help for the day." I am sure many of you have failed in keeping that pledge to read the Bible and pray. Perhaps you started well, and enjoyed your reading and the day wasn't complete without your time of prayer. Then you may have gotten busy, gotten up too late in the morning, or been "too tired" at night. Why don't you ask the Lord's forgiveness right now for your failure and begin again this very day to be a good soldier of the Lord and a faithful member of the Sword-Bearers Club. Perhaps you would like to write me and tell me how you have not kept close to the Lord but will now begin again to keep the pledge you signed. It would make Aunt Joy and me, Aunt Mary, both very happy and I know it would please our Heavenly Father.

Write to: Aunt Mary, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

J. Hudson Taylor Saved by Reading Tract

J. Hudson Taylor, founder of the great China Inland Mission, was converted through reading a little tract in his father's library when he was fifteen years old. Carelessly, he picked it up to while away the time, but, eighty miles away, his mother was praying fer his salvation. Before he laid it down, he was rejoicing in the knowledge of sins forgiven! When we think of the stupendous work of the mission he founded, we marvel that God should have used such a little thing to bring it all about.

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Come Unto Me

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hated God! You have rejected His dear Son, Jesus Christ, who died to save sinners. It is your move. Therefore Jesus says, "Come unto

No sinner will ever be saved until he himself moves toward God. The prodigal son arose and came to his father. Then his father ran to meet him. God will run to meet any sinner in this world who wants mercy and forgiveness, but the sinner must in his heart turn toward God.

An old song my mother sang

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;

In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh, there are ten thousand charms!

You should come to Jesus and

Salvation Not A Creed Nor A Life, But A Person

Many people believe one can be saved by joining a church. This is not true. Others believe one can be saved by subscribing to a creed; that if one believes certain things, certain facts, certain doctrines, he will be saved. That is not true. Some believe if they will live a good life, will work, will pray, will be baptized, attend church, give of their money, take the Lord's Supper, etc., that they will be saved. But that is not true. Salvation does not consist of a philosophy, a creed, a certain way of living or membership in some body. No. salvation is in Jesus Christ Himself, in person.

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Go through those three brief verses of Matthew 11:28-30 again and underscore the personal pronouns referring to Jesus. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Seven times in these three verses the Lord Jesus refers to Himself. If you want to be saved, come to Jesus. That is all it takes to be saved and that is all it takes to have peace and soul rest.

We talk too much about Christianity and not enough about Christ. The Scripture says that 'CHRIST is the end of the law for righteousness to every that believeth" (Rom. 10:4). When Jesus was telling His sad disciples, in the fourteenth chapter of John, that He was going away, He said, "And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." But doubting

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Thomas did not understand, did not clearly know the way. Jesus answered back, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by ME." Je-Way. Our sus Himself is the Christian Science friends times refer to Jesus as "The Wayshower," but they are mistaken. Jesus is not "The Way-shower"; He Himself is the Way.

In I John 5:11, 12 we are told, This is the record, that God hath both solemn and serious. The pargiven to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." What every poor, troubled heart needs to do is to come to Jesus Himself, in person, and find peace. Jesus is our Saviour. Jesus is our Burden-bearer. Jesus is our Elder Brother, our High Priest, our Intercessor, our Sacrifice, our Atonement, our Advocate with the Fa-Praise the Lord that He Himself attends to our sins and to our sorrows when we bring them to Him in person. He does not appoint a preacher nor a church nor even angels in Heaven to do this for Him. Jesus Himself is the Way; and He commands and invites every poor, heavy-laden, burdened, troubled heart, "COME UNTO ME...AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST."

Christian people, saved people, need this teaching as well as others. Oh, we must remember that the same fountain filled with blood where first we lost our condemnation and received the peace of forgiveness is still there for daily cleansing from the defile-ment of sin. The child of God is no longer condemned and lost. but the child of God needs day-byday cleansing. My soul was saved once and for all when I trusted Jesus about it, but every day I need Him to give me rest of soul and peace of mind and to bear my burdens. Every child of God should daily have a time alone with Jesus Christ, his Saviour.

Oh, sometimes I long to be All alone with Christ my Lord. Just to tell Him all my troubles All alone!

"Ye That Labour And Are Heavy Laden"

I am glad that God loves the poor. Jesus said, "Blessed be ye poor. Jesus said, "Blessed be ye poor" (Luke 6:20). Jesus had compassion on the multitudes, we are told, and that means that His heart went out to the common people with all their sorrows and sins and burdens and oppressions.

I am glad that Jesus Himself knew all the burdens that any man will ever bear.

First of all, He knew the pinch of poverty. He was born in a borrowed stable, was laid in a borrowed manger, and was buried in a borrowed grave. He said, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests: but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head" (Luke 9:58). He had no money to pay taxes until Peter caught a fish with a coin in its mouth. When He died He had only a seamless garment that was valuable enough for anybody to covet Jesus was poor for our sakes so that we through Him might be

Again, Jesus knew labor. He Himself was a carpenter (Mark 6:3). And Jesus must have been accustomed to unremitting toil. Remember that He never preached a sermon nor worked a miracle nor began His public ministry until He was thirty years old. His parables and teachings constantly showed that He knew all the details of the life of the family, the shepherd, the builder, and common laborer. How fitting, then, that Jesus should cry out, "Come unto me, all ye that LA-BOUR and are HEAVY LADEN, and I will give you rest!"

We are told that "we have not an high priest which cannot be

touched with the feeling of our infirmities" (Heb. 4:15).

I would remind you that Jesus went hungry and that when Hefaced Satan in the awful temptation in the wilderness Jesus had been fasting for forty days and not give any rest. felt all the weakness that any hungry man ever felt. Jesus was tormented by betraying friends, by the doubts of His own family, by the jeers and by unbelief of where He grew up. Full well Je- es or Sealy mattresses or Comfysus knew all the oppression and temptation and trouble and labor Every furniture store makes much and sorrow that any poor sinner

Virgin-Born -Or Bastard?

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evident to every logical, intellectual and decent mind. When he discovered she was about to be-come a mother, he determined to divorce her. Divorce in Israel was ties to divorce must present themselves to the elders in open meeting. The case would be fully and searchingly tried. If the woman were found guilty, she would be taken out to a public place or field. The whole populace would surround her and under the command of the elders, without mercy, they would stone her to death.

Joseph knew this would be the doom appointed to Mary if he sought publically to divorce her. He was not willing to do that. He believed she had proven false to him. But he still loved her. He therefore determined to put her away privately. He would put in the claim of annulment against his own vows, and set her aside, having henceforth no more to do with her. This is what the Scripture means when it says: "Then Joseph her husband [mark, even before the marriage he is recognized as "husband," as she is as "wife"] being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily'

But the living God never allows us to be in doubt about the truth. After the angel had spoken Joseph and had hidden him without fear to take Mary to himself. we read in Matthew that he "took unto him his wife: and knew her not till she had brought forth her first born son: and he called his name Jesus" (Matt. 1:24, 25).

This is the plain statement that marriage between Joseph and Mary had not been consummated before he brought her home; that it was not consummated till after Jesus was born. It is the Holy Ghost demonstration that so far as Mary was concerned, she was virgin to Joseph till after Jesus was born. What more would you have? What more need you have to prove, at the least, that Joseph was not the father of Jesus?

Since then Joseph was not the father of Jesus, behold where it places Mary if Jesus were not virgin-born. It brings her into the light as Joseph's accredited wife, and mother of a child of whom he was not the father. As his wife, it makes her guilty of breaking wedlock. It makes her guilty of fornication. It makes her guilty of adultery.

Deny the virgin birth, and this is the category in which by inexorable logic you are under bonds to put Mary, the mother of Jesus Deny the virgin birth, and you give to Mary, the mother of Christ, a

ever felt. Jesus Himself took our place on the cross, but oh, friends, do not forget that before that He took our place as a human being, was born from a woman's womb as we were, learned to walk and talk as we did, felt the pangs and sorrows and buffetings of daily life as we have all felt them, was tempted in all points as we are but without sin. Jesus had good reason to know the heart of those who labor and are heavy laden. and He loves us all and bids us to come to Him for the rest nobody else can give!

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stain, a shame, that all the waters of all the seven seas can never wash out. Think you a light matter to put this indelible stain upon the mother of our Lord? Deny the virgin birth and this is what you

Consider, I pray you,

2. The Effect This Denial of the Virgin Birth Must Have Upon the Name and Reputation of Jesus Himself

If some man other than Joseph were the father of Jesus, and He were begotten and conceived out of wedlock, then He was an illegitimate child, a child who had no legal right to come into the world. This is what you must face: Jesus Christ, an illegitimate son. But that is not all.

Deny the virgin birth, Mary a faithless wife, guilty of breaking wedlock, and you make her son something more than illegitimate. It is plain enough what that something more is. It is just this: If some other man than Joseph were the father of Jesus, we have to reckon this-that man was not known. He was not known in that day. He has not been known any day since. He is not known now. No man can put his finger upon his identity, and name, and say, "This is the man who betrayed Joseph and begot Mary's illegitimate son."

There can be no question about He was and is unknown. It follows therefore if Jesus had an earthly father, and that father was not known, we have to say that Jesus was the son of an unknown father. And what is the name in all languages you give to the son of an unknown father? There is but one name and title. And that is "a bastard." It is an ugly name. It looks ugly. sounds ugly. Would you know what God thinks of a bastard? Hear what He says: "A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord: even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the Lord" (Deut. 23:2). A bastard could not enter into the congregation of the Lord. The posterity of a bastard could not enter into or partake of the privileges of the congregation of the Lord for ten generations, that is, for three hundred years.

This tells you what God thinks of an unmarried woman who gives birth to a child. This tells you what God thinks of a married woman who gives birth to a child by another than her own husband. This tells you what God thinks of the bastard himself. Bastardy is a shame to the mother. It is a double shame to the son. He must carry his mother's shame and advertise it wherever he goes, and

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JEHOVAH JIREH

So Abraham named the place where God stayed his hand and provided a lamb for the sacrifice instead of his son Isaac—"The instead of his son Isaac—"The Lord will provide."

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- scriptures
- scriptures"
 5 "this corruptible ____ put on incorruption"
 9 initials of two friends of Paul; one he led to the Lord in jail (Philem. 10)
- one who went to jail with him
- (Acts 16:25)

 10 what David pretended to be (I Sam. 21:13)
- 12 "____ sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity" Isa, 1
 13, 16, 49 "For he must ___, __ he hath put all ____ under his feet"
- 17 "Then cometh the end, when shall have delivered up the kingdom of God"
- "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I _____ you the truth?" Gal. 4 "every kind of beasts, . . . and of things in the sea, is ____"
- James 3
- James 3
 "what advantageth ____ me, if the dead rise not?"
 "ye may all prophesy one by one that all may ____ " I Cor.
- one, that all may __ "So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is _____(n) in cor-
- ruption" the judge of Israel who was left-handed (Judges 3:21)
 "The sun shall not _____ thee
- by day" Psa. 121
 "____ also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption"
- "I_____ the least of the apos-tles"
- 31-"God giveth it a body as it ____
- "it is manifest that he is excepted, which did _____ all things under him" pleased him"
- 36, 56 "For he hath put ____ things
- 38 a cereal grain
 40 "the fire shall try every man's
 work of what _____ it is"
- "The first man is ____ the earth, earthy"
- 44 a looking glass, as in James 1:23
- 47 to plead earnestly
- 48 initials of two towns where Paul and Barnabas preached (Acts 13:5, 51)
- 49 see 13 across
- 50 "it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things _ him"
- 52 Hebrew word for God
- 53 "God giveth ____ a body as it hath pleased him"
- 54 "be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of 53
- 55 "____ grace which was be-

stowed upon me was not in vain' 56 see 36 across

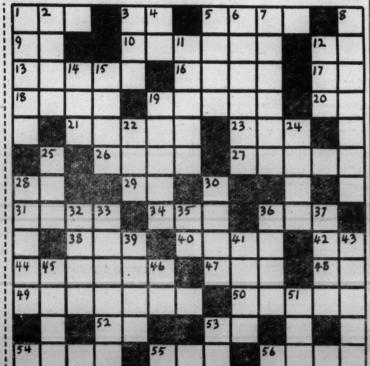
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- 1 "when he hath tried me, I shall
- come ____ as gold" Job 23

 New Testament name for Hosea (Rom. 9:25)
- (Rom. 9:25)
 3 "Just balances, just weights, a just ephah and a just _____, shall ye have" Lev. 19
 4 a printer's measure (half an
- 5 "it is better for thee to enter into life halt or _____(ed) rather than having two hands ..." Matt. 18
- 6 "if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, ____ ye have believed in vain"
- not very often "Therefore _==
- Therefore _____ it were I or they, so we preach"
 "And why ____ we in jeopardy every hour?"
- son of Abdiel (I Chron-"Love worketh ho
- his neighbour" Rom. 13
- joy or merriment
 "In a moment, in the twinkling
 of an eye, at the last ____"
 "Let them be desolate for a
- reward of their shame that say Psa. 40 unto me _____ Psa, 40
 "But some man ____ say,
 How are the dead raised up?"
- a people who would invade Israel (Ezek. 23:23)
 "some have not the knowledge
- of God: I speak this to your
- "And though I (be)____ all my goods to feed the poor" I
- 32 past tense of tear
- "Now shall Sheba the son of
- than did Absalom" II Sam. 20
 "thanks be to God, which giveth
 ____ the victory through our
 Lord Jesus Christ"
 2000 pounds (two words)
- 2,000 pounds (two words)
 "He that loveth his life shall
 _____ it" John 12
- "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they ____ not' Matt. 6
- to defeat utterly
 "For I delivered unto youof all that which I also received"
- "For by one Spirit are we all baptized ____ one body" I Cor.
- 46 initials of two friends of Paul; who lived in Rome (Rom. 16:13)
- one who was a prisoner in Rome (Col. 4:12) "I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I ____ daily"
- "forasmuch as ye know that not in vain your labour
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Virgin-Born

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he must bear his own shame, shamed of God. Illegitimacy and bastardy are two millstones heavy enough to hang about the neck of any son. What think you is the weight of these millstones about the neck of Him whom we seek to call the Son of God? Consider,

3. The Effect the Denial of the Virgin Birth Must Have Upon the Essential Being of Jesus Himself

If He were not virgin-born, then of course He had a human father. If He had a human father, He inherited the nature of that father. As that father had a nature of sin, He inherited his nature of sin. If He had a nature of sin, He would be under the penalty of all who are born in sin. He would be under the penalty of death.

When therefore He claimed that no one could take His life from Him, that He had power over His own life, He did not tell the truth. Being born in sin (if He had a human father), He was, as all others, doomed to die. He was therefore a lost sinner. As a lost sinner, He needed a Saviour. He needed a Saviour to save Him from death. According to His own four, as inexorably as the arrow legislation, He needed to be born to the mark, you deny and reject again; He needed a new nature. the Trinity of God.

It is terrific-but it is inexorable logic. If Jesus Christ were not virgin-born; if He had a sinful human father, He was as much in need of regeneration and sacrificial redemption as any other begotten of a human father.

Deny the virgin birth and you paralyze the whole scheme of redemption by Jesus Christ. What claim or right of claim has any man to be the Redeemer and Saviour of men who Himself is born in sin, under the doom and penalty of sin, needing regeneration? But that is not the only consequence of having a human father. Mark it well. If He had a human father, and as that father had a finite personality, then He inherited a finite personality. If He had a finite personality, of course we are bound to say He did not have the Father offered Himself unto an infinite personality. He was not an infinite Person. If He were not infinite, He was not God. If He were not God, then He was not the second Person of Eternal not the second Person of Eternal the infinite personality of the Trinity. If He were not the second Person of the Trinity, then none of God the Father: even the God was. If none were, there is no triunity of God. If there be no triunity of Godhead, we are landed at the front door of Unitarianism, that bloodless emotionless, soulless system which substitutes intellect for the spirit, and reason for faith. Prating about God, it knows Him not.

Deny the virgin birth, and as absolutely as two and two make

consequential thing to deny the virgin birth, or that it is something that matters little one way or another?

Behold what takes place when you deny the Trinity. You deny and must cut out of the Bible this tremendous Scripture: "He through the eternal spirit offered himself without spot to God' (Heb. 9:14). It is, indeed, an im-Scripture. It means the whole Godhead was engaged in the sacrifice of the cross — the whole Godhead in the fulness of personality was engaged in the act of redemption. The Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, each of them an infinite Person subsisting in God as the Father. He offered Himself through the eternal, personal Spirit. As an infinite Person, He offered Himself through and Father who through the Spirit gave Him out of His bosom that He might make this offering.

Deny the Trinity of God and you deny and make impossible that Scripture. Deny and reject that Scripture, you deny and reject the sacrificial death of Christ; you deny it in relation to the ever-lasting covenant and the pledge and honor of the whole Godhead. When you do that, you sweep away the foundation of Christianlity as set forth in Holy Scripture in the darkness.

Do you think it a light and in- from Genesis to Revelation. You deny that Scripture when you deny the Trinity. You deny the Trinity when you deny the virgin birth

> To deny the virgin birth, and to talk about the ethical value Christianity, is worse than childish. There are no ethics left? Instead of ethics, the whole system is buried in a moral ruin out of whose chaos there looks the face of one illegitimate, bastard-born, a helpless sinner like the rest of us, and like the rest of us bereft of any hoped-for Sav-

Without the virgin birth, for us there is only a Christianity whose beginning is a fiction and whose ending is the substitution of an ethical for a sacrificial Christ, a substitution that bears the stamp of its own reason and in every promise it makes mocks the hope of our soul both for time and eternity.

Without the virgin birth, Christianity has no authority, neither as an ethical or doctrinal system. Without the virgin birth, I repeat, Christianity has no decent, moral, spiritual or intellectual basis on which to stand.

He who denies the virgin birth denies Bible Christianity, smites the mother of our Lord with shame, snatches the crown of deity from His brow, strips Him of His sinless humanity, makes His cross a blood-stained failure and bids us face eternity with no light

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Come Unto Me

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of the finest beds to induce sleep and rest. Alas, this poor old world tries to find rest by fixing the mattresses instead of fixing the tormenting consciences, the unease of troubled hearts! But Jesus has for such a Saviour! promised that He will give rest, even rest to the soul!

I talked to a man about his soul and he told me he was unsaved. I said, "You have no peace in your heart; you need Jesus." He said, "Oh, yes, I do. I am happy." But I answered again, "No, you do not. I have proof that you have no peace. I know your heart is not content." Rather angrily he asked me how I knew, and I said, "Because the Bible says, "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked" (Isa. 57:21). With downcast eyes and humble heart then he admitted that he was not happy, that his heart was not content, that he had no rest of soul. Dear friends, you cannot have this rest, this peace, unless you find it in

Saint Augustine said, "O Lord, our souls are restless until they find their rest in Thee!" Jesus has promised soul rest.

Men think money will give satisfaction, but it chains them and enslaves them to business and to cares of every kind. With money comes responsibility, and every moneyed man must look with suspicion upon those with whom he Most of them seek his money and not him, he knows. Money does not give rest.

Many a man has loved a woman and thought that in her love and faithfulness he would find all the comfort and delight for which his heart longed. Women are meant to be a comfort, a blessing, and many of them are. But alas, however many loved ones God puts about us, that cannot give peace to the tormented mind and the sinning soul. At her best, a wife cannot fill the need of a sin-sick soul. At her worst, she can only add heartbreak and trouble. And that is so of any human being in this world-father, mother, son, daughter, husband or sweetheart. Only Jesus can give soul rest. Take your burdens and troubles to Him.

The Meek And Lowly Jesus

"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God," we are told in Hebrews 10:31. Again the Scripture says, "Our God is a consuming fire (Heb. 12:29). The wrath of God is a terrible thing. To face God in judgment, with the books which record your sins opened before the uncounted millions of the earth—that can only be a nightmare of horror to any unforgiven sinner. But this Holy God, insulted by our sins and righteously angry with the unrepentant, hard-hearted, rebellious and wicked, yet loves sinners and has provided the way for them to be saved. That way is through His Son, the Lord Jesus.

One day Christ will come as the Avenger, but now He comes as the Saviour. One day He will come as the Lion of the tribe of Judah, but now He is the Lamb of God, slain for sinners. He says, "I am meek and lowly in heart."

Little children were not afraid of Jesus. They climbed upon His lap and He held them in His arms and blessed them. There was something so tender, so gentle about Him that the beloved John leaned his head on the breast of this Son of God and was not embarrased nor timid. He was so approachable, so gentle with sinners who wanted forgiveness that the woman who was a vile and notorious sinner felt free to stand and weep over His feet and to wipe them with her hair. The poor woman afflicted with an issue of blood for twelve years slipped up behind Him and touched the hem of His garment and was healed. Even the wicked Judas was not afraid to kiss Him on the cheek when he betrayed Him! O thou meek and lowly Jesus! No sinner need ever fear to come to Thee!

Jesus girded Himself with a towel and washed His disciples' feet. Jesus was reviled but He re-viled not again. They spat in His face, and yet He was like a sheep that before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth. They had their way with Jesus, that scorning, cursing, mocking, hating crowd when Jesus was cru-

cified; and then He said, "Father, dio bills, printing bills, etc., far be. Do you admit that you are a forgive them: for they know not more than I could have paid other- poor, wicked sinner who needs salforgive them; for they know not what they do." This is the Saviour who invites you, He who is meek and lowly in heart. You need not be afraid to come, however vile your sin, however wicked your heart, if only you want your burdens lifted and your soul to find rest in Him. Praise the Lord

The Easy Yoke

There are those afraid of Christ, afraid to trust Him, afraid of His service. They need not be. I have preached His gospel now these twenty years and I thank God for the privilege. It is an easy yoke, it is a light burden. If I had a hundred years to live I would want to spend them all preaching the gospel, working for Jesus. If I had a dozen sons I would long for them all to be preachers.

I have given up things for Jesus, and lo! I found I gained far more than I lost. I put my head under His yoke, and lo! I found freedom such as I never knew. It struck off the shackles of enslaving hab-its. He lifted the weight of a guilty conscience. I can well sing, At the cross, at the cross, where

I first saw the light, And the burden of my heart rolled away, It was there by faith I received

my sight, And now I am happy all the

day! I gave up a regular salary and God has provided for me and God has not only provided for me but my growing family and a whole group of workers, and has paid ra-

wise. I gave up, with many tears and heartaches, some friends of a lifetime, and He gave me back uncounted thousands who pray for me daily and who wait on my ministry with joy. Do not be afraid of the yoke of Jesus. It is light and His burden is easy. The wages of sin is death, but, the gift of God is eternal life, and the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temper-

Dear sinner, if He died for you, do you not know He would not put too heavy a burden on you? If you can trust Him to save your soul, do you not know you can trust Him to make you happy? I beg every sinner to try Him and find forgiveness and salvation today. Jesus died for you. His blood paid all the debt. He will give you rest.

The world has many Christians who do not have the full peace and rest that they ought to have. We forget to come again and again to Jesus for soul rest. Here is the remedy for your burdens, sorrows, disappointments, your labors and

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."—Matt. 11:28-30.

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vation? Do you believe that Christ died for your sins and is able and willing to save you? Will you here and now accept Jesus Christ as your own personal Savious, depending on Him to receive you and forgive your sins and save your soul?

You Can Do It This Moment

If you will come to Christ now for rest and peace and salvation, I beg you, sign the following decision, copy it in a letter and mail it to me today. Do not delay; do it now! Come to Jesus in your heart and have peace and soulrest forever.

Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor THE SWORD OF THE LORD Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Brother Rice:

I have read your sermon on "Come Unto Me" in The Sword OF THE LORD. I confess I am a poor lost sinner, but I want Jesus to save me and I believe that He will do it, as He promised. So here and now I come to Jesus in my heart, trusting Him to forgive all my sins and save my soul. Here and now I take Him as my own personal Saviour. I will claim Him openly as my Saviour and I set out to live for Him forever. Please write me a letter of counsel and help to live the Christian life.

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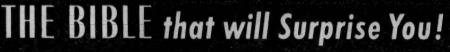
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